



CHARITABLE GAMING BULLETIN – 2007 - #4

TO: All Suppliers

FROM: Harry Durham, Interim Director

SUBJECT: 2007 Legislative Changes

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We wish to advise you of changes to the Charitable Gaming Statutes §18.2–340.15 *et seq* which will become effective **July 1, 2007**. It is important that appropriate officials review all of the enclosed revisions of the Charitable Gaming Statutes to ensure you are complying with the law. The following are some of the required changes but are not all inclusive:

- **Bingo cards and the sheets used for bingo jackpot games shall be sold separately** from the bingo cards or sheets used for any other bingo games and the organization shall **separately account** for the proceeds from such sales. (§18.2-340.33.9) Reminder: It is also a requirement that Winner Take All and Lucky 7s shall be sold separately from the bingo cards or sheets for any other bingo games and the organization shall separately account for the proceeds from such sales.
  - **Jackpots, “Winner-Take-All”, and “Lucky 7s” cannot be sold as part of a bundle or convenience pack.** They must be priced and accounted for separately. Electronic hand held bingo devices must be programmed to mirror the paper packs.
  - **Jackpots, “Winner-Take-All”, and “Lucky 7s” can be sold via an electronic hand held bingo device as long as the device/system provides the player with an itemized receipt and the organization with an itemized transaction log showing:**
    - the organization’s name;
    - location of the bingo session;
    - sequential transaction or receipt number;
    - an itemized listing of the number of electronic facsimiles (i.e. cards) contained with the electronic bingo device for the admission pack, other game pack, sheet of bingo paper and/or bingo jackpot paper;

- an itemized listing of the cost of electronic facsimiles (i.e. cards) contained within the electronic bingo device for the admission pack, other game pack, sheet of bingo paper and/or jackpot bingo paper;
  - electronic bingo device number issued to the player; and
  - date and time of transaction
- If the organization sells and issues an electronic facsimile of the jackpot bingo paper, “Winner-Take-All” bingo paper and “Lucky 7s” bingo paper at its bingo session, then the organization must sell and issue the electronic facsimile of the jackpot bingo paper, “Winner-Take-All” bingo paper and “Lucky 7s” bingo paper separately from all electronic facsimiles of admission packs and other game packs that are available for purchase and receipt by the player at the bingo session. Therefore, the organization can do the following:
  - An electronic facsimile of the jackpot bingo paper, “Winner-Take-All” bingo paper and “Lucky Seven” bingo paper can be loaded into separate electronic bingo devices that do not contain electronic facsimiles of an admission pack, other game pack and/or sheet of bingo paper; or
  - The electronic facsimile of the jackpot bingo paper, “Winner-Take-All” bingo paper and “Lucky Seven” bingo paper can be loaded into an electronic bingo device that contain electronic facsimiles of an admission pack, other game pack, and/or sheet of bingo paper as long as the jackpot bingo game, “Winner-Take-All” bingo game and “Lucky Seven” bingo game is **played before** all of the bingo games contained within the admission pack or other game pack **have been played or after** all of the bingo games contained within the admission pack or other game pack have been completed in accordance with the game program.
- **As a part of its annual fund raising event, any qualified organization that is an athletic association, or booster club or a band booster club may sell instant bingo, pull tabs, or seal cards provided that the sale is limited to a single event in a calendar year and the event is open to the public. (§ 18.2-340.26:2)**
- **Allows the sale of games commonly known as “last sale games” in social quarters only. ( § 18.2-340.26:1)** A regulation to require that the invoices for these games reflect “Last Sale Games for Social Quarters Only” has been approved by the Board.
- **Requires manufacturers of electronic games of chance to obtain a permit with the Department. (§18.2-340.34)**
- **Changed the definition of “instant bingo”, “pull tabs”, or “seal cards” to include Department approved electronic versions thereof. (§18.2-340.34). The procedure to develop an approval process of these electronic gaming systems will be a lengthy one, but we will keep you informed as to the Department’s progress.**

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The Charitable Gaming Rules and Regulations are currently being revised to be consistent with the revisions to the Charitable Gaming laws. Revisions to the rules and regulations must be approved by the Charitable Gaming Board and processed through the Administrative Process Act. They will be available later in the year. In the interim, as always, the law will be controlling if there are conflicts between the law and the current rules and regulations.

Please keep in mind these are only some of the changes enacted by the General Assembly and that you should refer to the enclosed copies of the statutes which have changed for complete information. *Changes to the legislation are noted in italics.*

Enclosed is a copy of the information which has been sent to all individual charitable gaming organizations. Additional information, including forms, can be found on the Department's website [www.dcg.virginia.gov](http://www.dcg.virginia.gov).

If you have questions you can also call Mr. Michael Menefee at 804-786-3018.

